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7 March 1968

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telecon with C. L. Johnson

l		1. On 6 March Kelly called to relate the following:		
		a) He had concluded satisfactorily negotiations with		
25X1A		and the EARNING project officers relating to the		
		Lockheed SR-71 contract.	25X1A	
		b) He asked that three people be cleared IDEALIST		
		to enable him to discuss possible installation of	20/(1/	
		in the U-2R.		
	JEHIEFM V DICHEFM	c) He was pleased to report that the 5-inch tailpipe extension to the U-2R had solved the take-off roll swerve problem; however the addition had resulted in unusually high, audible vibrations that made the U-2R sound like an F-194 in afterburner. Kelly said he is having his people cut back on the extension to about 3-1/2 inches. He feels this may alleviate the problem.  2. I told Kelly that we have had several reviews of the proposal at Headquarters. I related the following concerns:		
	5/45	a) The cost was much too high; in my view, about		
1 1 2 8	Alex	too high.		
	HPN 3 M	b) The engineering hours seemed unusually high. Kelly said this represented the ellorts of 20 engineers on the program and the high number is largely attributable to the radar cross section program required to accomplish our goals.	25X1A	
25X1A	5 T E	c) I said I was disturbed about the tooling cost (about when compared to the tooling costs of the U-2R. Kelly said that hard tooling would be required and this was reflected in the cost quotes.		
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3. I told Kelly that during ou	r review of other competitive	
systems we took a look at the		25X1D
which costs		25X1A
mitted that the range of this drone		
may do some of the missions consi	dered for	25X1A
Therefore, it very likely would be a likely would be a likely about the cost we would never suggested that he take a hard look a the moment at an impasse.	that unless Kelly could do some be able to sell the program. I	•
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